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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF (METH) ACRYLATE DI-AMMONIUM  
SALTS AND THEIR USE AS MONOMERS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF POLYMERS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Also, Applicants note that due to a typographical error, EP 1254891 was inadvertently indicated as EP 1254901 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 3, 2006, so EP 1254891 is being included in the present Information Disclosure Statement.

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